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Conference to Celebrate Katherine Anne Porter

She was most widely known for *Ship of Fools*, her 1962 best-selling novel. Written late in her career, it also was made into a successful movie. But long before popular fame came her way, Katherine Anne Porter had earned critical respect—as well as an eventual National Book Award and a Pulitzer Prize—as a serious writer with her carefully crafted short stories and short novels written in the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s.

In the hundredth year after her birth, the University of Maryland at College Park Libraries is sponsoring a national three-day conference, "Katherine Anne Porter at One Hundred: New Perspectives," to be held at the Stamp Union and in the Center of Adult Education on May 9-11.

At the conference, distinguished speakers will seek to renew an awareness of Porter's life and work in a series of lectures, panel discussions and reminiscences. Among those who knew Porter personally is the eminent literary critic Cleanth Brooks, who will participate in a panel discussion, "Remembering Katherine Anne Porter," on Friday, May 10 at 8 p.m. Also on the panel will be Porter's nephew, Paul Porter; her friend and legal advisor, E. Barrett Prettyman Jr; her biographer, Joan Givner; and Isabel Bayley, the literary trustee of the Porter papers.

The conference also will include an audio-visual presentation of some of Porter's fiction and an exhibition of photographs, manuscripts, editions of her works as well as artifacts from the university Libraries' collection. Porter, who died in 1980 at the age of 90, came to an agreement with the university that led to the donation in 1968 of her personal library, papers and memorabilia. The Katherine Anne Porter Collection, the major repository of Porter's papers, is permanently located in the Libraries Special Collections Division.

This spring as part of the Porter centennial, a travelling exhibition illustrating the life and work of Katherine Anne Porter has appeared in eight Maryland public libraries in Baltimore City and Frederick, Baltimore, Charles, Anne Arundel, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's county libraries.

The exhibit, consisting of facsimiles of manuscripts, books, photographs and memorabilia drawn from the Libraries' collection, has also included a series of lecture-discussions in three of the public library systems in March and April.



A painting of Katherine Anne Porter by Armand Thibault de Navarre from the Libraries' collection

The last presentation in this series, "Katherine Anne Porter: The Eye of Her Fiction," will be made by Jane Krause DeMouy on April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the White Oak Branch of the Montgomery County library system.

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Update on the Forty-Hour Work Week

The Board of Regents study group headed by Deputy Chancellor Jean Spencer is expected to submit its recommendations on the impact of the forty-hour work week on university staff to Chancellor Langenberg by May 1. College Park's representative to that group is Cynthia Hale, Dept. of Computer Science and chair of the Campus Senate's Committee on Staff Affairs. While the campus awaits the findings of the committee, the president and vice presidents are looking at all possible ways to minimize the impact of the added hours on those it will affect as of July 1, the date the Governor's Executive Order calls for the forty-hour work week to begin.

Center Wins Continuation Grant Systems Research Center Wins

The Systems Research Center (SRC) will receive \$3.1 million for fiscal year 1991 and up to \$13.8 million for the next five years, the National Science Foundation has announced.

The SRC is one of five Engineering Research Centers (ERCs) funded by the NSF that have been awarded new five-year awards of up to \$16.8 million.

"This continuation award is a well deserved recognition for the excellence represented in the Systems Research Center and the University of Maryland," said John Baras, SRC Director. "I am very pleased to see the SRC become in a short six years such a preeminent place internationally. The faculty, students and staff have done an outstanding job."

The SRC at the University of Maryland, in collaboration with the Division of Applied Sciences at Harvard University, was one of the first six ERCs established by NSF in 1985.

ERCs are large, campus-based organizations jointly funded by industry, state government and NSF. They bring together faculty, students, and industrial professionals from a variety of engineering and scientific disciplines in multi-faceted efforts to solve fundamental engineering problems.

They also develop new multi-disciplinary engineering courses and curricula.

The SRC has developed as a national center of excellence and a unique forum for research and education in integrated system design for control of complex engineering systems such as manufacturing plants, communication networks, robotic manipulators, large space structures, speech and image understanding, and chemical and industrial processes. The center fosters innovative advances in design methods and software systems that address the basic productivity and competitive challenges facing American industries in the global market.

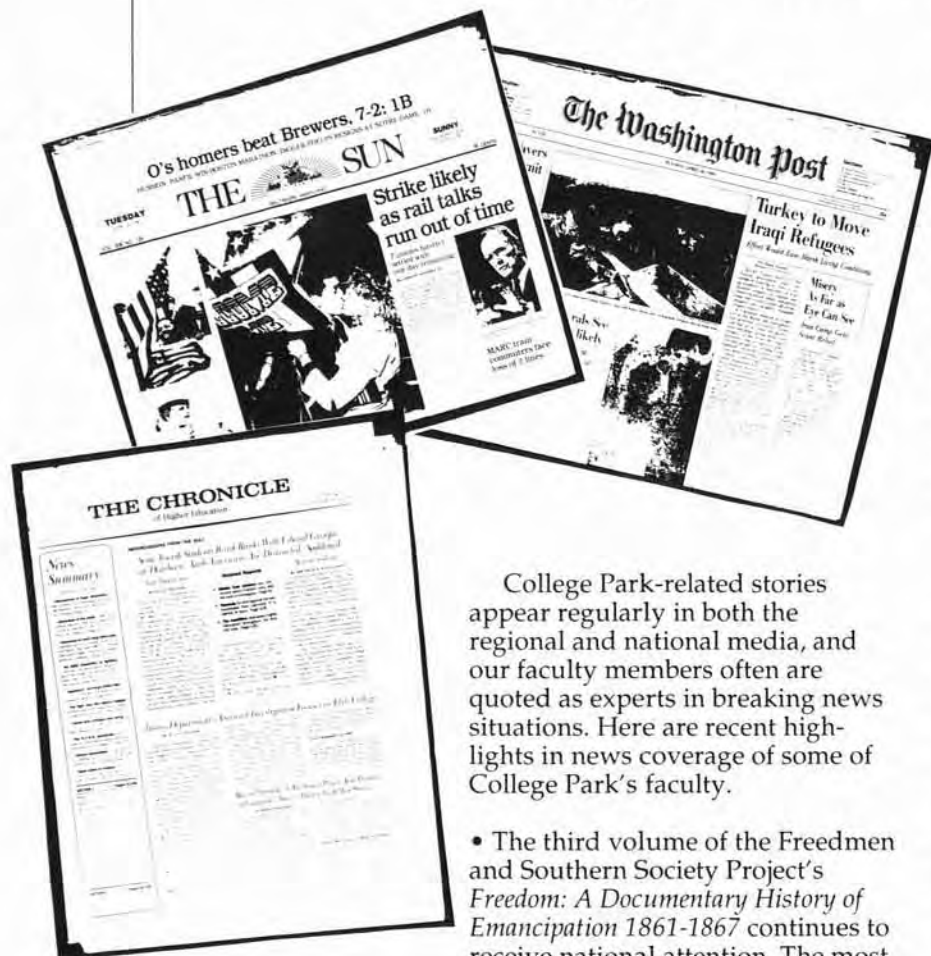
Automation and information technologies which are the central focus of the SRC have become critical elements in world economies and productivity. This is primarily due to the burgeoning use of computer based automatic control and information processing components, in systems ranging from chemical and manufacturing plants, to communication networks, to automobiles and aircraft, to consumer appliances.

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Christmas in April

The Office of Experiential Learning is looking for persons interested in participating in the annual Prince George's County "Christmas in April." On Saturday, April 27, volunteers will join efforts to repair and fix up houses of elderly and disabled residents. Repairs may include yard cleanup, gardening, patching and painting walls, or major renovation of electrical and plumbing systems. Interested in donating either time or materials? Call Mary Kocharski at 868-8400 for more info.

College Park "In the News"



more Sun and in many state newspapers through an Associated Press story. The event was also noted in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

- On March 22, alumni representatives and Office of Institutional Advancement officials traveled to a Baltimore retirement home to present a 95-year-old alumnus, Ferdinand Korff, with a copy of his diploma. Mr. Korff had requested a copy of the document after the original was destroyed in a fire. The *Baltimore Sun* covered the story with a major feature article and reporters from three Baltimore television stations covered the event.

- The "micro-scale" chemistry lab headed by **Dorothy Mazzocchi**, instructor of chemistry, was the subject of a positive feature article in the March 13 *Baltimore Sun*. The story also circulated on the Associated Press wire and appeared in papers in Maryland and Delaware.

- College Park astronomer **Andrew Wilson** is receiving widespread national attention for his work on the discovery of what is apparently a mammoth black hole in outer space. Wilson has been interviewed as part of stories for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today*, Associated Press, and National Public Radio among others.

- College Park received prominent coverage in special sections on education published in the *Washington Post* and *New York Times* during April. Post articles discussed the university's efforts in the areas of curriculum transformation and the hiring of minority faculty members.

College Park-related stories appear regularly in both the regional and national media, and our faculty members often are quoted as experts in breaking news situations. Here are recent highlights in news coverage of some of College Park's faculty.

- The third volume of the Freedmen and Southern Society Project's *Freedom: A Documentary History of Emancipation 1861-1867* continues to receive national attention. The most recent article on the book was a major feature in the scholarship section of the March 20 *Chronicle of Higher Education*. The book was written and compiled by a team of College Park historians headed by **Ira Berlin**, professor of history.

- The seminar on Total Quality Management in higher education, hosted by President William E. Kirwan and held in mid-March at College Park drew considerable press attention. Articles on the all-day session appeared in the *Balti-*

Deborah Rosenfelt, professor of women's studies, and **Dario Cortes**, associate dean of graduate studies, were featured in the two stories. The *Times* publication featured **Barbara Jacoby**, director of Commuter Affairs, in its article on commuter students.

NSF Five-year Renewal Award

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A major socioeconomic transformation is taking place due to these developments, which is changing business operations, human culture and individual lifestyles. These developments support the vision and the growing significance of the SRC programs for competitiveness and have attracted many industries into collaborative work with the center.

The SRC's interdisciplinary research program is built around five interrelated areas. Four focus on a particular applied engineering systems domain: intelligent servomechanisms, chemical process systems, manufacturing systems, and communication and signal processing systems.

A fifth area, systems integration, focuses on the common methodologies and design tools that are needed for the future of systems engineering. The SRC has also established a new M.S. program in Systems Engineering, addressing the future educational needs of engineers in collaboration with industry.

Tom Otwell

Sandler Receives Thomas M. Magoon Distinguished Alumni Award

College Park alumna Bernice Resnick Sandler, one of the foremost national experts on the role of women's rights, received the 1991 Thomas M. Magoon Distinguished Alumni Award from the Department of Counseling and Personnel Services, College of Education, at the 1991 National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Conference in Washington, D.C.

Sandler, who received her Ph.D. degree in Counseling and Personnel Services from the university in 1969, was awarded the annual honor for her "performance in the tradition of outstanding scholar-practitioners in higher education".

Sandler has been director of the Project on the Status and Education of Women of the Association of American Colleges since its inception in 1971. The project, which is the oldest national higher education project concerned with achieving equity for women students, faculty, and administrators, has published

over 100 original papers including the first nationally distributed papers on sexual harassment in academe, and on the chilly classroom climate for women.

She previously worked as an Education Specialist for the U.S. House of Representatives' Special Subcommittee on Education, where she was the first person ever appointed to the staff of a Congressional committee to work specifically in the area of women's rights.

Sandler has been associated with Title IX and laws that prohibit sex discrimination against students and employees longer than any other person and played a major role in the passage of Title IX.

She has been named as one of the 100 most powerful women in the nation by the *Ladies Home Journal* and one of the 100 most powerful women in Washington by *The Washington Post*.

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AT COLLEGE PARK

Ambassador is Guest of Honor at President's Dinner

Ambassador Mou-Shih Ding, Representative of the Coordination Council of North American Affairs, Republic of China, recently spoke on "U.S.-Republic of China Relations" as guest of honor at a dinner at President William E. Kirwan's home following a national symposium on "East Asia and America: Prospects for the Future" hosted by the university. Taiwan has more students at the university than any other nation: some 367 attended College Park during 1989-90, compared with 354 students from the People's



Ambassador Mou-Shih Ding

NEWS

Community Service Committee Releases Report and Recommendations

A committee charged with exploring and developing ways in which community service could become an integral part of campus life has presented its report and recommendations to Kathryn Mohrman, dean for undergraduate studies.

Mohrman convened the Dean's Advisory Committee on Community Service in January 1989 to address her concerns about the role of service in the undergraduate experience at a large land grant university, specifically College Park.

Co-chaired by Judith Hallett, Classics, and Gary Pavela, Judicial Programs, the committee included nine faculty members, ten associate staff, two academic administrators and five students.

"Service learning," the committee report says, "is more than a volunteer experience and is different from structured learning experiences such as internships or co-operative education experiences. It is a collaborative process of integrating

academic instruction with public service."

Collaboration must exist between the student, the academic advisor and the community being served, the report states. "It is our hope that any efforts to enhance community service learning at College Park will have as their foundation the concept of 'reciprocal learning.'"

The report offers 25 recommendations. They range from requesting the Campus Senate to investigate the integration of service into the curriculum, to clarifying the role of service in the admissions and scholarship process, from hiring a full-time coordinator to facilitate service activities for students, faculty and staff, to expanding the definition of service.

The report concludes that while there has been increased attention paid to community service at the national and state levels, there has been no real increase in the commitment of resources to support further community service

initiatives.

"These increased expectations without additional resources present but one challenge as College Park looks to enhance the role of community service in the undergraduate experience," the report says.

Tom Otwell

Porter Centennial to be Celebrated

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Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the University of Maryland at College Park Libraries, the Maryland Humanities Council, and The Literary Trustee of the estate of Katherine Anne Porter, the "Katherine Anne Porter at One Hundred" travelling exhibitions and College Park conference have been planned and coordinated by Blanche T. Ebeling-Koning, Curator of Rare Books and Literary Manuscripts of the Libraries' Special Collections Division.

Those interested in attending the College Park conference on May 9-11 should register by April 26. There is no registration fee. Call conference director Ebeling-Koning at 405-9255 for further information.

Linda Freeman



A caricature of Katherine Anne Porter by Mexican artist Miguel Covarrubias

University to Host Meeting on School/University Cooperative Programs

Shaila Aery, Secretary of the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and Joseph L. Shilling, State Superintendent of Schools, will participate in a campus-wide meeting sponsored by the School/University Cooperative Program entitled, "Building Our Future Together" May 8 at College Park.

Topics will include "Expectations for Higher Education and the Schools: The State Perspective;" "Meeting Rising Expectations in a Climate of Declining Resources: The Roles of Higher Education and Schools;" and "Meeting Rising Expectations in a Climate of Declining Resources: Collaboration Strategies For Schools, Colleges and Universities, and Business and Industry."

Panel participants include Richard Herman, dean of the College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences; Juanita Lewis, director of the Office of Higher Education Interagency Cooperation for the City of Baltimore's Department of Education; and Marion Pines, a senior fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

"Since 1985, with the appointment of a Task Force on School/University Cooperation, the university has made a major effort to stimulate and enhance campus-wide cooperation with the state's public schools," says Marilyn M. Scannell, coordinator of the School/University Cooperative Program.

This is the third meeting sponsored by the program that is

designed for school/university representatives, members of the Commission on School/University Cooperation, and a representative from each of the public four-year institutions in the state.

Roe Named Academic All-American



Matt Roe

Matt Roe, Terrapin men's basketball player, who was named third team All-Atlantic Coast Conference early last month, has also been named to the 1991 GTE Academic All-American Team.

The Manlius, N.Y. native was one of four seniors named to the prestigious five-member national first team. A radio, television and film major, Roe has a 3.44 GPA. He

will graduate in May.

On the basketball court, Roe had an outstanding year. He started all 28 games and averaged 17.8 points and 5.5 rebounds a game, both second best on the team. At the end of the regular season, he ranked in the ACC's top 20 in five statistical categories.

Off the court, Roe is a Dean's List student and was inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Fraternity and the Golden Key National Honors Society last fall.

"It's nice to be recognized as both a student and an athlete," Roe says. "There is no question it is tough to juggle a college class load and play a varsity sport, but it's not impossible. People do not often enough give credit to student athletes who are trying to excel both in the classroom and in their sport."

Roe is the third Academic All-American at Maryland. Others include former Rhodes Scholar and Maryland Congressman Tom McMillen, and former guard Greg Manning.



How to Welcome Returning Gulf War Students

The university will be welcoming home at least 80 students from the Persian Gulf over the next few months. Sandra Smith, Gulf Returnees Services Coordinator, hopes the entire campus community will cooperate in efforts to help these students who have had their academic programs interrupted by the war, in some cases on very short notice. They may need such special services as expedited readmissions/reinstatements, expanded counseling and assistance with registration, financial aid, and VA matters. Gulf returnees should be referred to Smith at 314-8257 for guidance as needed.

News and Views From the Campus Senate

By Cynthia Roberts Hale, chair of the Senate Staff Affairs Committee and director of Administration, Department of Computer Science

The 1989 *Enhancement Plan* for the College Park campus stated: "The university can discharge its responsibilities as a corporate entity only if it can recruit and retain highly qualified administrative staff. Talented staff are attracted to work in environments in which individual initiative is encouraged, creativity is rewarded, and salary and benefits are competitive." This report acknowledged the importance of the staff to the university's success and the relationship between a positive work environment and the achievement of the university's goals.

The *Enhancement Plan* recognized that changes were needed at College Park to create the type of work environment that would permit us to recruit the most talented staff and maximize the effectiveness and productivity of all employees. The plan called for a compensation system that would reward excellence, more opportunities and recognition for staff, better communication and more flexibility, and a commitment to the equitable treatment of minorities, women and handicapped people.

Recently, we have seen progress toward these goals. Staff now routinely receive seats on campus-wide committees; the Women's Commission plays an increasingly important role on the campus; more and more units offer excellence awards to staff; and a number of campus publications promote an awareness of individual staff contributions to the campus and an understanding of issues that affect the staff. Nonetheless, we have miles to go before we achieve the ideal workplace.

The Senate Staff Affairs Committee is positioned to monitor our progress, defend against actions that undermine our goals, and take initiatives to move us closer to the environment we are all seeking. This committee is unique in that it is comprised of staff from all parts of the campus; it includes skilled craftsmen, classified and associate

staff, and academic administrators. We have members who also hold positions with the labor unions, the Women's Commission, and administrative committees, so our interests, our knowledge and our awareness is broad-based and balanced.

The 1990-91 academic year and the state budget shortfall has pre-



sented us with a series of difficult challenges. The Senate Staff Affairs Committee has met throughout the year to address these challenges in order to increase understanding of their impact and to take actions that would deflect them.

One of our primary concerns has been the Personnel Compensation Study (also known as the Mercer Study), which will completely reorganize our personnel system. This will not only affect an entire generation of university employees, but it will change the way we are able to do business on this campus for better or for worse; it will determine the caliber of people we will be able to recruit and retain; and it will eventually have a direct impact on the quality of our institution. The committee believes that this study should be carefully monitored and no opportunity to influence it should be missed. As this article goes to press, an open forum with Dr. Sturtz and his staff is planned on April 11 to discuss our concerns about this study.

The governor's plan to impose a 40-hour work week effective July 1 on those employees who currently work a 35.5 or 37.5 hour week has generated enormous concern throughout the campus. The Staff

Affairs Committee has worked for months to block this ill-conceived initiative, taking statistics to Annapolis, contacting the governor, working with Dr. Langenburg's staff, and successfully passing a resolution in the Senate expressing the campus's opposition to the imposition of an uncompensated additional 23 days of work for one segment of the campus population. We do not know if the governor will ultimately decide to reconsider his position on this issue, but it has been an exciting and impressive effort by the members of the committee, who brought together their expertise and energy to fight for the interests of one part of the staff who are being treated in such a blatantly unfair manner.

Throughout the year we have monitored threats of furloughs and lay-offs, working directly with Dr. Kirwan's office as appropriate, and supplying important responses from staff on these issues. Because of the presence of staff on the Senate Executive Committee, we have been able to bring staff concerns directly to the attention of Dr. Kirwan each month, and to the attention of members of the Board of Regents.

Although this is a year that has called for retrenchment rather than the progress we had hoped for, out of this adversity there has been some growth. We have seen the campus administration, the faculty and the students move solidly behind us. We have had the complete support and cooperation of Dr. Kirwan and the vice presidents, letters of support have been drafted by the Dean's Council, faculty have spoken out on behalf of the staff and the students—via the *Diamond-back*—have expressed their interest and concern. Due to the combined commitment and energy, we have emerged as a more united and focused group, better prepared to pursue our goals of an enhanced work environment in the coming year.

For more information on how to get involved in the Campus Senate, please call its office at 405-5805.



Gladys Jefferson

Residential Facilities Honors Staff

The Department of Residential Facilities recently held its annual awards program at which the contributions of its staff through their performance and service were recognized.

Gladys Jefferson's 25 years of service were honored. Jefferson joined the department in 1965 as a service work supervisor and was promoted to housekeeping supervisor in the North Hill Area in 1976. In the mid-1980s, she became a member of the Contingency crew, a special work group formed to address emergencies and special projects. In 1989, she was trans-

ferred to the Denton Community.

Jefferson received outstanding performance awards in 1984 and 1989 and a minority achievement award last year.

Eleven Residential Facilities employees were presented with outstanding performance awards, and Carol Brice and Jon Rood received special awards in recognition of their efforts in managing the installation of the new campus telephone system.

Volunteer Hosts Needed for Japanese Students

The Maryland English Institute (MEI) will host 30-45 Japanese university students this summer in an English language and orientation program from July 26-August 18. The session will involve language courses, field trips and lectures. MEI is looking for volunteers to host one or two students for two days and one night the weekend of August 10. In addition, MEI has paid, part-time job openings for two or three students to work in special activities with the Japanese students. Call Lois Kleinhenn Lanier at 405-5185 for information about volunteering or the paid positions.

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Dance Department Pleased with Recent Renovations

When the newly formed dance department decided it needed a theater several years ago, it took matters into its own hands. In one weekend, students and faculty with the help of architecture students tore down the dance studio ceiling to make room for drapes and lighting equipment.

That theater is still the site of multiple performances by the dance department each semester. Today, however, the theatre resides within a completely remodeled Dance Building.

The renovation of two World War II army barracks that housed the department since its foundation in 1967 was originally scheduled to take two summers. Dance faculty, staff and students alike are delighted that the project was completed in one. The new building opened with the start of classes last semester, boasting new and renovated classrooms, office space and facilities.

Mim Rosen, professor of dance and director of Improvisations Unlimited, remembers harder times. "In the early days, if it rained outdoors, it rained indoors. There was very little buffer from outside elements." Ventilation, she recalls,

was a serious problem—especially in the dance studios—because many of the windows did not work. The studios are now equipped with fully operational windows.

The old configuration of buildings, in addition, made it impossible for the dancers to change into costume, warm up and perform in the same building. The two main buildings, approximately 30 feet apart, were separated by a large trailer. In cold or inclement weather, having to run between buildings created a real problem. "It may sound like a small matter," says Rosen, "But it wasn't."

Now, the trailer has been moved from between the buildings to behind them, where it serves as storage space for costumes, set designs and lighting equipment. The trailer is linked to one wing of the main building by a wide loading ramp, which facilitates transport of heavy equipment.

The two main buildings have been joined by two corridors, creating new offices, dressing rooms, small warm-up studios, and a study lab. "The real glory of it," says Rosen of her new surroundings, "is that we're all in one

building."

Rosen says the new facilities have encouraged a sense of unity and boosted morale within the department. "We never had a room where we could meet with any sense of privacy or community," she says. One of the connecting hallways now contains a spacious, refurbished conference room.

The enthusiasm for the new building has spread throughout the department. "All of the new space we have is wonderful," says Marie Visosky, Administrative Assistant to the chair. "I remember when I came here, the paint was peeling and the roof was just tar paper. We have so much for which to be grateful."

Rosen adds that the alumni response at a recent dedication ceremony was "overwhelmingly surprised and pleased." The studio/theater was named last month in honor of Dorothy Madden, founder and first chair of the Dance department.

Jennifer Bacon

The "Shrew" Goes West

A new twist will be added to the University Theatre production of *The Taming of the Shrew*.

The Shakespearean play which is traditionally performed in an Elizabethan setting, will this year be staged in the old west according to play director Mitchell Patrick.

Performances of the play will be held May 2-5 and 9-11 in Tawes Theatre.

Patrick, who has played various roles in the Wisconsin Shakespeare Festival, chose to direct the play after several student suggestions.

"I volunteered to direct it," says Patrick. "The students said this was the play they wanted to do and it kept coming up [in discussions] for a number of years."

The Taming of the Shrew is the story of an overly aggressive, brazen woman named Katharina who is disliked by just about everyone around her. Her younger sister, on the other hand, is a much more delightful person, and compared to her sister is a more suitable choice for marriage. Because the father refuses to allow anyone to marry his younger daughter before his older daughter is married, a gentleman caller named Petruchio decides to challenge Kate's intimidating character.

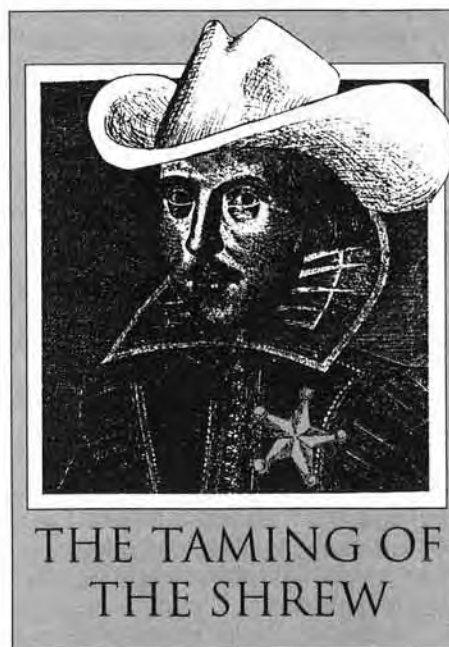
Patrick, who has a doctoral degree in theatre from the University of Washington in Seattle, is an assistant professor and coordinator in the University Theatre department. He also supervises the curriculum in all of the acting classes,

and works with the teaching assistants on acting class schedules. Plays he has starred in previously include *The School for Wives* and *The Tempest*, but he also enjoys his teaching career.

"I found it very satisfying to do both acting and teaching," says Patrick. "I like the department [here] and there's a lot of professional theatre in the Washington D.C. area."

For further information call the Tawes Theatre Box Office at 405-2201.

Patricia Gay



Workshop To Examine Relationship Between Arts and Politics in East Asia

East Asian scholars will examine the effect on the creative arts of shifting political relationships in Asian countries during the period 1920-1960 in a day-long workshop at College Park May 11.

College Park scholars and visiting experts will explore a variety of topics related to events in Korea, China, Japan and Taiwan as part of "War, Reconstruction, and Creativity in East Asia, 1920-1960."

Participating faculty members from College Park will include Eleanor Kerkham (Hebrew and East Asian); Jason Kuo (Art History); Marlene Mayo (History); Bonnie Oh

(Undergraduate Studies); Thomas Rimer (Hebrew and East Asian); Mark Sandler (Art History); and Angelina Yee (Hebrew and East Asian).

Guest scholars will include participants from Columbia University, the University of Hawaii, UCLA, Amherst, Oxford, the University of Oregon and the National Taiwan Normal University.

Participation in the workshop is by invitation only. For additional information or to make arrangements to attend the workshop, call 405-4309 or 405-4239.

Human-Computer Lab to Hold Symposium, Open House

The Human-Computer Interaction Laboratory, a component of the Center for Automation Research, will hold a Symposium and Open House, Friday, June 7, in celebration of its eighth anniversary. Morning sessions begin at 9 a.m. in Room 2324 of the Computer and Space Science Building. Glenn Ricart, director of the Computer Science Center, will deliver the Interactive Lecture at 1:30 p.m. in the AT&T Teaching Theatre, and a series of Open House demonstrations will be held from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Registration up to May 17 is \$60 for College Park faculty and staff and \$90 for all others, and after May 17 is \$100 and \$130 respectively. For info contact Mildred Johnson at 405-2769.

Spivak is First American Elected to Chair International Standards Group



Steven Spivak

In some countries, all shiny fabric is sold as silk, but the unwary buyer has only about one chance in five of getting the real thing.

A toy purchased in a Maryland store could have been manufactured in any of dozens of countries, but it is recognized as "meeting consumer standards."

A new electronic gadget promises to save time and energy. But is it also a fire or electrical hazard?

The fact that consumers can trust the safety and reliability of what they buy is due in part to the efforts of an international committee whose new chair is a professor at College Park.

Steven Spivak, professor in the Department of Textiles and Consumer Economics in the College of Human Ecology, is the first American to chair the prestigious Committee on Consumer Policy (COPOLCO) for the International Organization for Standardization,

based in Geneva, Switzerland.

The organization is a worldwide federation, representing some 90 countries, of key groups which develop both voluntary and enforced product standards in their own countries. The committee includes consumers as well as business and government experts. COPOLCO promotes consumer involvement and finds ways in which consumers can benefit from those standards. In effect, COPOLCO is the consumer's voice in the international world of standardization.

The consumer policy committee meets once a year, with related committees meeting more frequently, to promote the protection, information and training of consumers on issues relating to product standards.

The group's next meeting begins May 28 in Helsinki, Finland, where Spivak will preside over an ambitious agenda for the next year.

"With more than 30 nations represented on this committee, it could easily become a debating society," Spivak says. "We try to integrate policy discussion into fruitful, productive action that benefits consumers."

The environment is high on COPOLCO's priorities, Spivak says. "Given both the profusion and confusion with so-called environmentally friendly products and their disposal, the issues of environmental labeling and future standardization are tremendously important to both consumers and the business community world-

wide. I anticipate COPOLCO will have a major role to play in fostering the development of new standards, in a rational approach, for the environmental labeling and assessment of consumer products."

Spivak has been involved in international standardization for more than 15 years and has been actively engaged in related research as well as policy issues. His current focus is on how standards can be promoted to enhance international trade, rather than act as barriers to it. He has consulted for the U.S. Treasury Department, and has been the leading consultant on textile consumer protection to the U.S.-Saudi Arabia Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation.

This international experience has translated into innovative teaching as well. Spivak, who is also a certified standards engineer, teaches one of the very few courses anywhere in the world on "Standardization and International Trade" and involves his students in the policy discussions on vital trade issues which are under study around the world.

"Our organization has tackled such issues as confusing design of auto interiors, good and safe food, energy consumption and conservation, fire safety in the home, and pollution—even the reliability of condoms. We work together not only for the sake of producing guidelines, but more important, to marshal the resources of all nations so that consumers are heard and protected," Spivak says.

Jan George

Chemistry Department to Host Chemathon

Can chemistry be fun and exciting for high school students? Yes, say the organizers of the seventh annual Chemathon, a spirited competition in which teams of high school students from Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. test their chemical knowledge.

Hosted by the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, the Chemathon will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 27 in the Chemistry Building.

The Chemathon was originally conceived and is organized by a group of Maryland high school chemistry teachers. It includes a variety of events to test the stu-

dents' laboratory skills and knowledge of chemical theory. In the "Mendeleev Madness" event, for example, teams will answer questions about the periodic table of elements. In "Battering the Gases," students will compete with batteries they have built to see which one provides the most power. Other events include, "Make my [Fara]day," "Chemical Jeopardy," and "Hydronium Hyjinks."

Because the events are for fun, students who compete do not necessarily have to be at the top of their class in lecture or laboratory chemistry.

There will be two competitive

tracks, one for first-year chemistry students and another for second-year chemistry students. A school may enter one team at each level. Each team is composed of a maximum of six students who are accompanied by a chemistry teacher.

Area high school and university chemistry teachers serve as judges for the Chemathon events. At the end of the competition, awards are given to the first, second and third place teams in each event and the overall first, second and third place teams.

For more information call Howard DeVoe at 405-1833.

Maloney Appointed A.J. Clark Chair

William F. Maloney, a leading authority on personnel management, organizational behavior, productivity and motivation as they relate to the construction industry, has been appointed as A.J. Clark Chair in Construction Engineering and Management in the College of Engineering.

Maloney has published extensively in this area and his scholarship has been widely recognized.

He was awarded the 1986 Walter L. Huber Civil Engineering Research Prize of the American Society of Civil Engineers for research into construction workers and their work environment. He has taught a variety of construction engineering and management courses ranging from performance and labor relations to construction methods and equipment and heavy industrial construction.

He holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan, and an M.B.A. and B.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of Delaware. He was with the University of Michigan's Center for Construction Engineering and Management for eight years and has been affiliated with Ohio State, Purdue and Arizona State universities and the University of Alabama.

Nominations for Outstanding Clerical and Secretarial Staff Are Due

Every year the President's Commission on Women's Affairs sponsors a program to recognize the outstanding achievement of clerical and secretarial staff at the university. Two to three employees will be recognized this year at the Personnel Practices Conference luncheon on June 6. Any member of the campus community may nominate a person who is a member of the clerical and secretarial staff; the nomination must be completed and turned in by April 29. For nomination forms and criteria call Dottie Bass (405-5615), Connie Arnett (314-7512), or Dorean Irving (314-8309).

F.Y.I.

A Letter to the Campus Community Reviews Compact Shelving Decision



H. Joanne Harrar

Dear Colleagues:

Because there are many questions and concerns being raised, I want to share with you some of the factors that influenced the decision to use compact shelving in the new wing, McKeldin West, and to let you know about some of the efforts being taken to improve conditions. More importantly, I want to ask for your suggestions and recommendations as we work toward alleviating at least some of the inconveniences inherent in this situation during the two years of the McKeldin East renovation.

McKeldin East, the original library, had to be completely evacuated for much-needed renovations that began last month. That facility housed over 1.3 million volumes, while McKeldin West, the new addition, could accommodate only some 520,000 volumes if free-standing stacks were used throughout. By moving Government Documents and Special Collections to Hornbake, we reduced the problem somewhat, but we still face the dilemma of providing storage for and access to the remaining holdings.

From the outset our goal was to provide the best possible access to the collections under difficult—but temporary—circumstances. For over two years I worked with key Libraries staff and others to examine methods used by other research libraries that had faced a similar predicament and to investigate the alternatives available to College Park. We had three choices: compact shelving, storage at a remote location with delayed access, or "dead storage" with no access. In reality, however, compact shelving proved to be the only viable option.

"Dead storage" would have meant identifying the least used half million volumes, boxing them, placing them in an inaccessible location, and enhancing interlibrary

loan services to meet campus needs. Given the heavy use of the McKeldin holdings, we concluded that this was a completely unacceptable alternative.

We looked more carefully at the option of remote storage, which would have entailed providing a 24- to 48-hour retrieval system for handling requests. This approach would have eliminated all browsing and would have involved major processing costs. We conducted an exhaustive search for suitable off-site storage space, but there was almost no space available, and the cost of what was available was prohibitive. In addition, we were quite concerned about staffing a major retrieval and delivery system, given the Libraries' ongoing problem of understaffing and underfunding. (The Faculty Library Advisory Committee report of 1988 indicated that we needed to add well over 70 position. Of course, the situation is exacerbated now by the approximately 50 FTE vacancies that have resulted from the freeze.)

The third option was compact shelving, which offered both on-campus storage and direct access by library users, albeit not without inconveniences. Safety considerations were explored by the campus Environmental Safety Office, and other questions were explored carefully with the campus Engineering and Architectural Services staff. We recognized that compact shelving would have a negative impact on user access, but after looking at the advantages and disadvantages of the three alternatives, we concluded that compact shelving afforded the best solution to the problems that

we faced. In practical terms, this was our only choice, and we believed that we would be able to minimize the difficulties. Of course, the staffing crisis caused by the hiring freeze has complicated our efforts greatly.

I am very much aware of your concerns and frustrations and am determined to find ways to ameliorate the situation to the greatest extent possible within existing staffing and budget constraints. We are exploring various ways to assist McKeldin Library users, and many helpful suggestions have already come from the faculty. Approaches being examined include: a paging system for book retrieval upon request; the addition of free-standing shelving where space permits to reduce—even slightly—the number of volumes in compact shelves; setting time limits for browsers when other users are waiting; and placing aides on duty at the compact stacks to assist library users. Through several channels I will be consulting with faculty and administration to make every effort to ensure that we take those steps that respond to the most serious concerns. As plans are finalized, the details will be communicated to the campus community.

I deeply regret all of the extraordinary inconvenience library users are experiencing. Yet I believe that with faculty assistance we will be able to minimize the impact on your teaching and research over the coming 20 months.

Sincerely,
H. Joanne Harrar
Director of Libraries

Tyler Named Senior Associate AD

Suzanne Tyler, who served as College Park's interim athletic director for four months last year and has served the athletic department as a coach and administrator for the past 18 years, has been named senior associate athletic director.

Tyler, who had been the acting associate AD since January 1990, was the unanimous choice of a seven-member search committee after a national search. She will serve as chair of the athletic department's Compliance Committee, oversee the daily administration of seven intercollegiate sports teams, coordinate the summer camps program and administer the training and strength and conditioning staffs.

As a coach, Tyler is one of the few individuals to win NCAA championships in two sports. Her 1981 and 1986 College Park lacrosse teams won NCAA titles and her 1987 field hockey team was national champion.

In 1988, she began to curtail her coaching responsibilities after she was named assistant AD in charge

of fall and winter varsity sports. She resigned as field hockey coach in 1988 and as the women's lacrosse coach after the 1990 season when her team advanced to the NCAA Championship game. She was twice named National Coach of the Year.

Tyler is a magna cum laude graduate of Northeastern University and earned a master's degree from Penn State and Ph.D. from Maryland, both in sports psychology.

"My new responsibilities will be a tremendous professional challenge, but one that my experiences of the last couple of years have prepared me for," she says. "As a coach, I felt like I could have a positive impact on 30 or 40 student athletes. Hopefully as a full-time administrator, I'll be able to positively impact all 500 of our student athletes."

In addition to her duties at College Park, Tyler currently serves on the NCAA Women's Volleyball Committee and just concluded a term as the chair of the NCAA Women's Lacrosse Committee.



Suzanne Tyler

CALENDAR

Committee Plans Banner and Multicultural Senior Class Gifts

The 1991 Senior Class Challenge Steering Committee is raising funds for a double senior class gift of festival banners for use on Hornbake Plaza and a Hornbake Library book fund for the purchase of books on multicultural themes. The group hopes to see the banners in place on Hornbake Plaza by May. Graduating seniors are being asked to donate \$20 this year and pledge \$30 for next year; faculty and staff donations are also encouraged. Call the Office of Student Affairs at 314-8428 for information or to make a donation.



The Cleveland Quartet performs Saturday, May 4 at 8 p.m., at the Adult Education Center. Tickets are \$17 standard admission and \$14.50 students and seniors. Call 403-4239 for info.

APRIL 22-MAY 5

22 MONDAY

Art Gallery Exhibition: "New Territory: Art from East Germany," today-April 26, The Art Gallery, Art/Soc. Call 5-2763 for info.

Counseling Center Workshop: "Managing Exam Anxiety," 2-3 p.m., 2201 Shoemaker. Call 4-7693 for info.

Memorial Service, in remembrance of Dick Farrell, former associate chair, History, 3 p.m., Memorial Chapel. Call 5-4265 for info.

Entomology Colloquium: "Effects of a Non-Host Plant on the Mexican Bean Beetle and its Parasitoid, *Pediobius faveolatus*," Moshe Coll, Entomology, 4 p.m., 0200 Symons. Call 5-3912 for info.

Horticulture Seminar: "Maackia amurensis Nodulates and Fixed Dinitrogen," Janet C. Batzli, grad. student, Horticulture, 4 p.m., 0128B Holzapfel. Call 5-4356 for info.

Space Science Seminar: Carol Jo Crannel, NASA/Goddard, 4:30 p.m., 1113 Computer and Space Sciences. Call 5-4829 for info.

23 TUESDAY

Zoology, Botany, and Entomology Seminar: "Flies and Vines: Evolution of Host Choice in *Blepharoneura* (Tephritidae)," Marty Condon, Smithsonian Institution, noon, 1208 Zoo/Psych. Call 5-6884 for info.

Maryland Opera Studio: "Opera Excerpts," April 23, 24 and 26, 8 p.m., Tawes Recital Hall. Call 5-5548 for info.

24 WEDNESDAY

Counseling Center Research and Development Meeting: Topic TBA, Leonard Steinhorn, Research and Strategic Planning, People for the American Way, noon-1 p.m., 0106-0114 Shoemaker. Call 4-7691 for info.

Foreign Policy Fellows Seminar: "Views from Abroad on the Gulf War," Jane L. Barber Thery, chair, International Studies and Programs, Advanced Seminar on the U.S. Foreign Policy Process; Ergun Babahan, assistant managing editor, *Sabah* (Turkish Daily), 3:30 p.m., student lounge, Morrill Hall. Call 5-6353 for info.

Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Lecture: "A Practical Discussion on the Social, Personal, and Formal Value of Art from an Artist's Point of View," Anne Truitt, Art, 4 p.m., 2203 Art/Soc, reception following. Call 5-9353 for info.

Movie: *Godfather III*, 4:45 and 8:15 p.m., today-April 27, Hoff Theater. Call 4-Hoff for info.

University Honors Program Film and Commentary: "Inherit the Wind," commentary by Steven Shore, NASA/Goddard, 8 p.m., 2203 Art/Soc. Call 5-3084 for info.

25 THURSDAY

Graduate Student Government Meeting, 3 p.m., 1143 Stamp Student Union. Call 5-5788 for info.

Meteorology Seminar: "The Heating and Momentum Budgets in the Convective and Stratiform Regions of Tropical and Mid-Latitude Convective Clouds," Wei-Kuo Tao, NASA/GSFC, Greenbelt, 3:30 p.m., 2114 Computer and Space Sciences; coffee served 2 p.m. Call 5-5392 for info.

History and Philosophy of Science Colloquium: "John Bell Memorial Symposium on the Foundation of Quantum Mechanics," Jeffrey Bub, Allen Stairs, and Carroll Alley, 3:30 p.m., 2283 Zoo/Psych. Call 5-5691 for info.

Computer Science Apple Education Series Broadcast: "Multi media 201: Beyond the Basics," 4-5 p.m., 4105 Hornbake Library. Call 5-2950 for info.

Movie: *Godfather III*, 4:45 and 8:15 p.m., today-April 27, Hoff Theater. Call 4-Hoff for info.

Reliability Engineering Seminar: "Selecting Vibration Environments for Reliability Testing," Edward Szymkowiak, Westinghouse Electric Corp., 5:15-6:15 p.m. 2115 Chemical and Nuclear Engineering Bldg. Call 5-3887 or 5-3883 for info.

Improvisations Unlimited Dance Performance: "Just Improv," 7:30 p.m., Dorothy Madden Studio/Theater. Call 5-3190 for info.

26 FRIDAY

National Secretaries Appreciation Day

Maryland University Club 1st Annual Spring Craft Bazaar, featuring pottery, scrimshaw,

quilts, jewelry, sweaters, scarves, chocolate, etc., light lunch included, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Rossborough Inn. Call 4-8013 for info.

Mental Health Lunch 'n Learn: "Effects of Hidden Client Reactions in Brief Psychotherapy," Clara Hill, Psychology, 1-2 p.m., 3100E Health Center. Call 4-8106 for info.

College of Business and Management and First National Bank of Maryland Research Colloquium: topic TBA, Ronald Masulis, Vanderbilt U., 1-2:30 p.m., 2102 Tydings. Call 5-2256 for info.

University Honors Program Lecture: "Images of Woman and Women in the Earliest Political Cartoons," Vincent Carretta, English, 2 p.m., Honors Lounge, 0110 Hornbake Library. Call 4-0643 for info.

Department of French and Italian William Falls Memorial Lecture: "The Social History of Quebec as Seen through its Works of Art," Gaetan Brulotte, U. of South Florida, 2 p.m., Language House reception hall. Call 5-4024 for info.

Special Meteorology Seminar: "Developing Regional Climate Change Scenarios: An Australian Approach," A. Barrie Pittock, Climate Impact Group, Australia, 2 p.m., coffee, 1:45 p.m., 2114 Space Sciences. Call 5-5392 for info.

Movies: *Godfather III*, 4:45 and 8:15 p.m.; *Lionheart*, midnight, today-April 27, Hoff Theater. Call 4-Hoff for info.

27 SATURDAY

Music Department Concert: Spring Koto Recital, Washington Toho Koto Society, 7:30 p.m., Tawes Recital Hall. Call 434-4487 for info.

Movies: *Godfather III*, 4:45 and 8:15 p.m.; *Lionheart*, midnight, Hoff Theater. Call 4-Hoff for info.

28 SUNDAY

University of Maryland Chorus Performance: "Sacred Music of the 19th Century," Paul Traver, music director, 8 p.m., National Presbyterian Church (Nebraska Ave., NW). Call 5-5568 for info.

29 MONDAY

Entomology Colloquium: "An Evaluation of Emergency Control Procedures for Dengue in the Americas," Gary G. Clark, Centers for Disease Control, Puerto Rico, 4 p.m., 0200 Symons. Call 5-3912 for info.

Horticulture Seminar: "TBA, Huey Jen Chen, grad. student, Horticulture, 4 p.m., 0128B Holzapfel. Call 5-4356 for info.

Computer Science Colloquium: "Temporal Databases," Richard Snodgrass, U. of Arizona, 4 p.m., 0111 Classroom Bldg. Call 5-2661 for info.

Space Science Seminar: "Adiabatic and Chaotic Particle Motion in the Magnetotail," Elden Whipple, NASA, 4:30 p.m., 1113 Computer and Space Sciences. Call 5-4829 for info.

30 TUESDAY

Zoology, Botany, and Entomology Seminar: "Evolution of Morphology and Behavior of Salamanders of the Genus *Aneides*," Nancy Staub, Chesapeake Bay Lab., noon, 1208 Zoo/Psych. Call 5-6884 for info.

Writers Here and Now Reading, student work, 3:30 p.m., location TBA. Call 5-3820 for info.

Physics Colloquium: "COBE Looks at the Big Bang Theory and Everything Since," John Mather, Goddard Space Flight Center, 4 p.m.; reception, 3:30, 1410 Physics. Call 5-5953 for info.

Classics Department Lecture: "Reading Penelope," Sheila H. Murnaghan, U. of Pennsylvania; response, Victoria Pedrick, Georgetown U., 4 p.m., 2309 Art/Soc. Call 5-2013 for info.

1 WEDNESDAY

Counseling Center Research and Development Meeting: "White Racial Identity Formation," Anne Regan, Counseling Center, noon-1 p.m., 0106-0114 Shoemaker. Call 4-7691 for info.

2 THURSDAY

Meteorology Seminar: "Seasonal Forecastability," Kikuro Miyakoda, Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Lab, Princeton, NJ, 3:30 p.m., 2114 Computer and Space Sciences, reception at 3 p.m. Call 5-5392 for info.

Reliability Engineering Seminar: "Neural Networks for Detection of Turbine Rotor Flaws," Nelson Steele, ARD Corp., 5:15-6:15 p.m. 2115 Chemical and Nuclear Engineering Bldg. Call 5-3887 or 5-3883 for info.

University Theatre: "The Taming of the Shrew," today-May 5 and 9-11, 8 p.m., Sunday matinee, 2 p.m., Tawes Theatre. Call 5-2201 for info.

Greater Washington Solid State Physics Colloquium: "Critical Currents, Grain Boundaries and SQUIDS in the High Temperature Superconductors," Praveen Chaudhari, T.J. Watson Research Center, 8 p.m., 1410 Physics. Call 5-6142 for info.

Maryland Gospel Choir Annual Spring Concert, 8 p.m., Colony Ballroom, Stamp Student Union. Call 4-7758 for info.

3 FRIDAY

Geology Seminar: "Regional Assessment of Groundwater Quality," William Alley, U.S. Geological Survey, Reston, VA, 11 a.m., 0105 Hornbake Library. Call 5-2783 for info.

Neuroscience Colloquium: "Notions Concerning Peripheral and Central Organization of the Vestibular System in Diverse Vertebrates," William Saidel, noon-1 p.m., 1208 Zoo/Psych. Call 5-6884 for info.

Mental Health Lunch 'n Learn: "Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in the General Population," Ken Curl, psychiatric social worker, Greenbelt, 1-2 p.m., 3100E Health Center. Call 4-8106 for info.

College of Business and Management and First National Bank of Maryland Research Colloquium: "Innovation on the Risk and Required Return of Common Stocks," Seha Tinic, 1-2:30 p.m., 2102 Tydings. Call 5-2256 for info.

University Honors Program Lecture: "Humans and Robots Working in Space," David Akin, Aerospace Engineering, 2 p.m., Honors Lounge, 0110 Hornbake Library. Call 4-0643 for info.

Maryland University Club Annual Dinner and Meeting, to honor retiring members and elect new officers, 6 p.m. social hour (cash bar), 7 p.m. dinner, Rossborough Inn. Call 4-8013 for reservations and info.

University Theatre: "The Taming of the Shrew," 8 p.m., Tawes Theatre. See May 2 for details.

4 SATURDAY

University Community Concerts, Cleveland Quartet, program TBA, 8 p.m., Adult Education Center, \$17 standard admission, \$14.50 students and seniors. Call 80-4239 for info.

Annual Business School Alumni Gala Dinner Dance and Award Ceremony, featuring speaker Victor Pepe '58, president, Senate Construction Co., 7 p.m.-1 a.m., Hyatt Regency Bethesda. Call 5-2301 for info.

University Theatre: "The Taming of the Shrew," 8 p.m., Tawes Theatre. See May 2 for details.

5 SUNDAY

University Theatre: "The Taming of the Shrew," 2 p.m., Tawes Theatre. See May 2 for details.

* Admission charge for this event. All others are free.